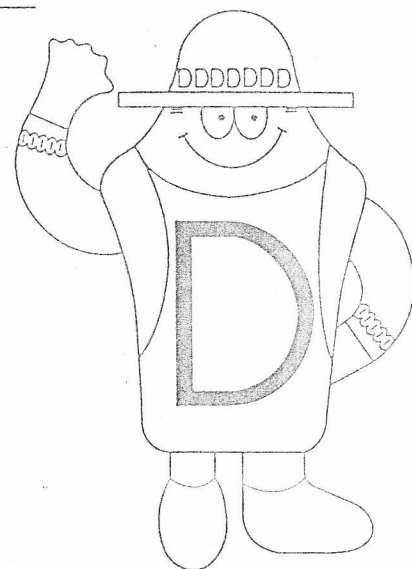


Family Letter

D



Dear Family,

Da-da-da-ra-da-da-da! Listen carefully. Can you hear the sound of dancing? I'm Mr. D, and I love to dance my dazzling dance! I dive, dodge, dip, and dart all across the dance floor. Sometimes I almost make myself dizzy! Before the music starts and I dash off, I'd like to suggest a few things you can do with your child.

- ✓ Put on some music and move to the beat with your child. Maybe you can teach your child to dip. (Or maybe your child can teach you!)
- ✓ Next time you finish a dozen eggs, don't throw out that egg carton. It makes a great game board! Ask your child to look around for some things in your home whose names start with the same sound as dazzling dance. (That's my sound!) Each time your child names something that starts with that sound, ask her or him to Prove It: Say "dazzling dance dishes." Then drop a dime in one of the egg cups. Can your child find a dozen things?
- ✓ My lowercase letter d can be hard to remember. Sometimes I get it mixed up with Mr. B's lowercase letter b. To help your child avoid this confusion, next time you are reading together, keep an eye out for words that start with lowercase d. Pronounce the word carefully for your child, and point out the letter. Once in a while, ask your child to write one of these words down.

Sincerely,

Mr. D